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# CSA-69 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 9, 2006

#### **Members Present**

Clegg, Robin – Lakeside Comm. Planning Group Chambers, Pat – Santee Chamber of Commerce Coyle, Ken – Lakeside Fire Protection District Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont Savage, Warren – City of Santee Voepel, Mayor Randy – City of Santee

#### **County Staff Present**

Bohy, Wendy Marcotte, R.N., Annie Metz, R.N., Marcy

#### **Members Absent**

Carlisle, Allen – Santee School District Guidry, Doreen – East Co. Fire Protection District Howe, Kevin – Lakeside Union School District

## **Contract Staff Present**

Baker, Mark – Lakeside Fire Mattick, Richard – City of Santee Parr, Andy – Lakeside Fire Rottenberg, Mike – City of Santee

#### Recorder

Byous, Barbara

#### I. INTRODUCTION / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warren Savage, Chair, brought the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and requested the Committee Meeting Recorder to call members in advance as a reminder of the upcoming CSA-69 Meeting to ensure having a quorum. Attendees introduced themselves.

Mr. Savage welcomed Richard Mattick, the new Interim Fire Chief of the City of Santee, and thanked him for attending today's meeting.

# II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Pat Chambers, Seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt, to approve the Minutes of August 10, 2006 as submitted. MOTION carried.

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS / PETITIONS

None.

# IV. STAFF / AGENCY REPORTS

#### A. <u>Financial Report</u> (Wendy Bohy, Admin. Analyst, County EMS)

As of October 30, 2006, the cash balance in the CSA 69 Heartland Paramedic account was \$1,112, 394.

On the Expenditure and Revenue by Object & Account, Column C, Actual Year to Date Expenditures are \$388,712.

On the Expenditure and Revenue by Object & Account, Column C, Total Revenues are \$160,790. Taxes are not in yet.

Also Column C, Net Cost is \$227,922, as of October 30, 2006.

Ms. Bohy attached a copy of the Expenditure Report for 2005/06 to the 2006/07 Report that was distributed to the Advisory Committee at today's meeting.

Mr. Savage asked about the status of the User Fee Collection at EMS.

# ACTION: Wendy Bohy will look into that and will have information available at the next meeting.

Mr. Savage said that we want to keep track when actual payments were made to see if there is a trend. Since the fourth ambulance was added to the service of CSA 69, it has increased their capabilities in both Santee and Lakeside

Mayor Voepel asked about the Net Cost of \$79,814 that shows a negative (Page 2, Column C). He asked if that is the correct amount. Ms. Bohy confirmed that it is correct until the taxes come in.

Mr. Savage suggested to watch this negative trend so it doesn't get too high.

# B. Administration Report (Anne Marcotte, RN, County EMS)

The County continues to progress with the STEMI program, the stroke elevation program that was reported at the last Advisory Meeting. The contracts have gone to the hospitals.

Marcy Metz reported that 13 hospitals have submitted applications to be Stroke Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) Receiving Centers. The MOAs have gone out to those facilities for signature. The hospitals in the east region that have submitted applications are, Grossmont and Alvarado. Once the MOAs are returned, the hospitals will be entered into the QCS system and the Paramedics will know which hospitals have cath labs. Patients with STEMI will be taken to those designated hospitals.

Ken Coyle asked if there is any information on whether Kaiser plans to use the

vacated Scripps East Hospital in El Cajon. Pat Chambers reported that he heard there is a structural issue and the hospital will probably not re-open.

Ms. Metz stated that the County's Oversight Stroke Team has been meeting and looking into stroke care in San Diego County. More information to come at future meetings.

### C. Agency Reports

<u>Lakeside Fire</u>: Andy Parr stated that things are going well and a lot of issues were discussed at their Operations Meeting.

<u>Santee Fire</u>: Richard Mattick reported that they have new fire fighters and paramedics on board. A new assessment will begin in mid January 2007.

<u>Anne Marcotte</u>: EMS has the compliance data which is provided to the County in report form for the year to date, through October. With the addition of the fourth ambulance, ambulances are expected to respond to every 911 call within 10 minutes, 90% of the time. 10% of the time, they can be longer than 10 minutes.

### Overall time:

Medic 1 - 87.5	Medic $4 - 90.97$
Medic $3 - 86.6$	Medic $5 - 90.17$

Ms. Marcotte reported that the ambulances are approaching 90% of the time in all areas. Mr. Savage noted that the fourth ambulance has made a big impact.

The ambulance time has consistently improved over the year. It was discussed today at the Operations Meeting that we want to improve further. The plan is to look at all the calls. Both Andy Parr and Richard Mattick are going to look at the calls that have response times greater than 10 minutes.

Discussion ensued about the medic response times.

Mr. Savage asked about the next overview - - Ms. Marcotte said she will talk with Leslie Ray. The last overview may have been done in July. Warren stated that the overview was a tremendous help.

Pat Chambers stated that two meetings ago he made a motion that was carried, that the CSA is not pleased with the County's response over people who couldn't pay the User Fee. Mr. Chambers said that Mr. Savage spoke with Supervisor Dianne Jacob, and as reported at the last meeting, she is in agreement with the Advisory Committee's intent.

- Mr. Chambers would like a response back from the County stating that they have no intention of repeated calling of people who can't pay their User Fee bill.
- Ms. Marcotte reported that the User Fee waiver is still with County Counsel. County Counsel will make the determination of how to resolve this issue. County staff has told them that what they want to add is not the original intent of what

this Advisory Committee agreed to.

# ACTION: Ms. Marcotte will follow-up with County Counsel tomorrow.

- Mr. Savage confirmed that he did meet with Supervisor Dianne Jacob and she indicated she knew what the Advisory Committee had said and agrees.
- Mayor Voepel discussed the billing process. Ms. Marcotte reported that everyone will get billed, but it is her understanding that there will not be collections. County Counsel said they will add that the people who say they are not able to pay will have to meet certain qualifications. Ms. Marcotte will follow-up on the billing process with Mr. Savage after she hears from County Counsel.
- Mr. Savage inquired if the hospitals are still on bypass? Mary Meadows-Pitt said
  it has improved, but it may increase due to the upcoming winter flu season. The
  public should not use emergency rooms for general illness.
- Mr. Savage thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and he is glad to see the new people on board. The Advisory Committee appreciates the support they receive from EMS.

# V. <u>SET NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT</u>

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2007 at the Lakeside Fire Department Administrative Office.

ACTION: Mr. Savage requested that a reminder phone call be made to Advisory Committee members.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Barbara Byous Recording Secretary